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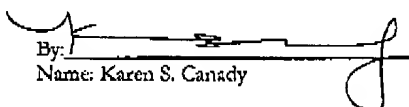
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Serial No.: 09/913,927 Group Art Unit: 1648  
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Title: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR) OF  
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE  
UTILIZATION THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants note that, because a complete response was submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, on October 27, 2003 (timely-filed because the due date fell on a Saturday), Applicants are entitled to an Advisory Action which will set the date for response as the mailing date of the Advisory Action.

Pursuant to a telephone discussion today between Applicants' undersigned attorney and Examiner Mosher, the Advisory Action will be mailed today and no fee is due for submission of a response on this date. Accordingly, no fee for extension of time is required with this Amendment.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 3.

Remarks begin at page 6.